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ELECTIONS, NOMINATIONS, CONFIRMATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Appointment of five members of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

Note by the Secretary-General

1. On 4 April 1997, the Secretary-General sent a note verbale to all Member States informing them that the Economic and Social Council, at its resumed organizational session for 1997, would be called upon to appoint five members to serve on the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW) when the term of office of five members expired on 30 June 1997. In the same note verbale, the Secretary-General requested Governments to submit the names and curricula vitae of candidates not later than 15 April 1997.

2. Under the provisions of the statute of the Institute, the Board of Trustees is composed of 11 members nominated by States and appointed by the Economic and Social Council, with due regard to the principle of equitable distribution and the fact that the Institute and its work are funded from voluntary contributions. Members of the Board serve in their individual capacities for a term of three years from the date of appointment. They are eligible for reappointment by the Council for one further term. The current membership of the Board is given in annex I.

3. At its first regular session of 1983, the Economic and Social Council, on the proposal of the President, decided to maintain the existing de facto geographical balance of the Board without prejudice to any further decision the Council might wish to take with regard to the composition of the Board and the distribution of seats on it (see E/1983/SR.13). Accordingly, in order to maintain the existing geographical balance, the vacancies should be filled by the appointment of one member from each of the five regional groups.

4. The candidates listed below were nominated by their Governments in response to the Secretary-General's note verbale. Biographical information on the candidates is contained in annex II.

African States

Zakia Amara Bouaziz (Tunisia)
Jane Nambakire Mulemwa (Uganda)

Asian States

Amaryllis T. Torres (Philippines)

Eastern European States

Norica Nicolai (Romania)

Latin American and Caribbean States

Emilia Castro de Barish (Costa Rica)
Glenda P. Simms (Jamaica)

Western European and other States

Selma Acuner (Turkey)

Annex I

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

Membership from 1 July 1996

	Term expires on 30 June
Selma Acuner (Turkey)*	1997
Ihsan Abdalla Algabshawi (Sudan)	1998
Esther María Ashton (Bolivia)	1998
Fátima Benslimane Hassar (Morocco)*	1997
Maria Jonas (Austria)	1999
Noëlie Kangoye (Burkina Faso)	1999
Mona Chemali Khalaf (Lebanon)	1999
Els Postel-Coster (Netherlands)	1998
Gail Saunders (Bahamas)*	1997
Renata Siemienska-Zochowska (Poland)*	1997
Soedarsono (Indonesia)*	1997

* Retiring member.

Annex II

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Zakia Amara Bouaziz (Tunisia). President-Director General of the Centre de recherches, d'études, de documentation et d'information sur la femme (CREDIF), where she has directed the execution of several international projects relevant to women. Director of the Faculty of Human and Social Sciences of Tunisia. Former President of the Thesis and Accreditation Commission in Psychology. Has held several governmental/institutional posts at the administrative level in the academic field, relevant to social science, psychology, internships, computerization, equivalence, accreditation and board of examiners. Has specialized in the areas of secondary education/experimental sciences, neurophysiology and natural sciences. Member of associations and societies working in the fields of physiology, natural sciences, applied psychology, neuroscience, computer science applied to research in arts and human and social sciences. Founder of the Club of Plastic Arts in the Faculty of Human and Social Sciences of Tunisia and creator of organizations involved in computer science, international student exchange, labour, sports and the protection of infants. Responsible for the execution of several national and international projects in the areas of neuropsychological research. Has participated in the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women; was elected Vice-Chairperson at its forty-first session, in 1997.

Jane Nambakire Mulemwa (Uganda). Member of Action for Development (ACFODE), a local grass-roots organization. Pioneer member of The AIDS Support Organization (TASO); involved in TASO as a Counsellor, Trainer, Counsellor/Supervisor and Counsellor/Adviser; member of the first Board of Trustees of TASO; member of the Management Committee until 1993. Actively involved in the work and programmes on the management and control of the spread of HIV/AIDS in Uganda; participated in and presented papers at national and international conferences, seminars and workshops on the HIV/AIDS problem. Director and chief resource person for the Education International (EI) Women Leadership Training Workshop for Resource Persons (Lilongwe, Malawi, 21-28 January 1996). Director and Resource Person for the EI Advanced Women Leadership Training Workshop (Nairobi, 5-7 August 1994). Participant in the National Association of Namibian Teachers' Unions (NANTU) Women's Leadership Training Workshop (Khoriax, Namibia, 14-18 October 1991). Author of numerous publications and research papers.

Amaryllis T. Torres (Philippines). Professor of Community Development, University of the Philippines; President, Human Resource Specialists Foundation. Specialized in Philippine social psychology, social development research and participatory strategies, monitoring and evaluation systems, community training programmes, human resource development, women's research, gender-responsive development planning and child labour. Has held numerous high-level positions at the University of the Philippines and in international development and women's agencies. Has been awarded scholarships and honours for academic and professional achievement. Member of academic and professional societies dealing with the social sciences, psychology, science research and community development. Has participated in international conferences on issues relevant to women, education, migration, poverty alleviation and gender. Author of

numerous research documents and books on psychology, social sciences, women and gender.

Norica Nicolai (Romania). Secretary of State, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection. Chief, Department for Coordination of Women's Rights, Strategies and Family Policies. Has specialized in the areas of contemporary systems of penalty execution and the Romanian system of penalty execution and delinquency in the transition period. Has held professional governmental and academic positions in the field of law. Representative of Romania at the International Criminology Congress, the International Congress of Penal Law and the Steering Committee on Equality Between Women and Men in the Council of Europe. Member of international professional institutions and national democratic organizations.

Emilia Castro de Barish (Costa Rica). Representative of her country to the United Nations since 1957, holding the positions of minister, ambassador and at present Alternate Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations. Represented her country in the Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Arrangements for Consultation with Non-Governmental Organizations. Vice-Chairman of the Third Committee at the twenty-fifth session of the United Nations General Assembly and delegate to numerous commissions dealing with decolonization, human rights, civil and political rights, disarmament and environment and development. Delegate to the General Assembly, the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Committee on Information and special sessions dealing with political and economic issues. Rapporteur to the Committee on Relations with the Host Country in charge of applying the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations. Official representative to several world conferences on the law of the sea, women, human rights, population and development and social development. Has participated in the Group of 77 and China on such issues as the consultative status of non-governmental organizations; has represented the Group in UNICEF; and has expressed the Group's position in plenary meetings to discuss social development. Involved in the preparation of the project to establish the University for Peace in Costa Rica.

Glenda P. Simms (Jamaica). Executive Director of the Jamaica Bureau of Women's Affairs. Former President and Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women (CACSW) and Adviser to the Government of Jamaica on Women's Issues. Has specialized in educational psychology and held numerous posts as professor in academic institutions of higher learning in the fields of education, intercultural education, race and ethnic relations. Has been awarded for her contribution to public policy in Canadian society. Adviser to federal and provincial governments and negotiator on race relations, women and First Nations issues. Was Adviser to the Government of Jamaica on poverty eradication and gender issues and has held important administrative posts. Has demonstrated leadership at the governmental level and has liaised with senior levels of governmental and non-governmental agencies and departments. Has educated the public on a variety of issues related to the status of women and to the educational, social and political realities of Canadian and Jamaican society. Has been honoured with numerous awards and is a member of important institutions dealing with the status of women, teaching, public administration, equity in employment, immigrant and minority women and development education. A renowned

lecturer, author of numerous publications, is an inspiration and role model for women and minorities.

Selma Acuner (Turkey). Adviser to the Prime Minister on international cooperation with respect to women in development (WID), gender and development and family issues and on the formulation of WID projects in Turkey. Involved in socio-economic development planning. President of the INSTRAW Board of Trustees. Former Director General of the Directorate General on the Status and Problems of Women. Gender resource officer for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Office in Ankara. Director of Courses and lecturer at the University of Ankara-European Community Research Centre and Instructor at the Faculty of Social Science, Hacettepe University, Ankara. Has specialized in the field of social and political sciences. Coordinated national preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women. Has coordinated projects with international organizations on women's employment, women entrepreneurs and national day-care centres and has organized a number of national conferences relevant to women. Author of several publications and papers related to women and gender. Has represented her country at several international conferences and meetings relevant to women and gender issues.